PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f, v
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s, z
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/l/	l, r
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/h/	h
/tʃ/	c	/ŋm/	ŋm	/w/	w
/dʒ/	j			/y/	y
/k/	k				
/g/	g				
/kp/	kp				
/gb/	gb				
/i/	i			/u/	u
/e/	e			/o/	o
/ɛ/	ɛ			/ɔ/	ɔ
		/a/	a		
/V:/	VV				
/Ṽ/	Vn (except /e/ or /o/)				

Labialization and palatalization are written as vocalic sequences.

Tones:

high ´
low `

EXAMPLES

a	sa	to draw water
b	bisa	to ask
c	caa	dog
d	diɛdiɛ	knife
e	bue	half
ɛ	buɛ	sheep
f	fɛmɛ	chief
g	gise	cotton
gb	gbagba	sandal
h	hun	husband
i	bi	ripe
j	jɔjɔ	to talk
k	kɛrɛ	to write
kp	kpiɛn	old
l	lolo	shade
m	ma	to give
n	na	then
ny	nya	to have
ŋ	ŋa	to say
ŋm	ŋma	who?
o	nzo	seven
ɔ	nɔnɔ	milk
p	pui	nothing
r	bara	woman
s	si	to know
t	fiti	to make a hole
u	ju	to arrive
v	nvɔrɛ	termite
w	awuru	house
y	yandi	to yawn
z	nzɛn	if

ALPHABET

a b c d e ɛ f g gb h i j k kp l m n ny ŋ ŋm o ɔ p r s t u v w y z

number of graphemes 31

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